

Message

From: Leathers, James [Leathers.James@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/6/2020 4:39:03 AM
To: Casso, Ruben [Casso.Ruben@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: PRESS RELEASE from Concerned Citizens of St. John Regarding Denka Emissions Data Report

Waiting for feedback from my management, but wanted to have what I have shared so far.

James Leathers
Environmental Engineer
EPA Region 6
Air Toxics Enforcement
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division
1201 Elm St., Suite 500, ECDAT
Dallas, TX 75270
(214) 665-6569
leathers.james@epa.gov

"This email may contain material that is confidential, privileged and/or attorney work product and is for the sole use of the intended recipient. Any review, reliance or distribution by others or forwarding without express permission is strictly prohibited. If you are not the intended recipient, please contact the sender and delete all copies."

From: Leathers, James
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 11:11 PM
To: Thompson, Steve <thompson.steve@epa.gov>
Cc: Stucky, Marie <stucky.marie@epa.gov>; Lannen, Justin <lannen.justin@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PRESS RELEASE from Concerned Citizens of St. John Regarding Denka Emissions Data Report

Are you both okay with my response to Jenna? The added context describing the SPod comes from our website, so nothing that has not already been shared publicly.

Jenna,

I have coordinated and ARD (air program), and they will take the lead on drafting a response to the first two questions.

Regarding the following questions, please see our response below. Let me know if you have any questions or edits. Thanks

" And what is the status of the new continuous air monitoring program? In his Feb. 20 letter to DEQ Sec. Brown, regional administrator McQueen said it would be in place by the beginning of May"

EPA's new SPod monitoring network is installed and operational. SPods consist of a stationary photoionization detector (PID), a meteorological station to record weather data, and one or more summa canisters for sampling. The PID measures for total volatile organic compounds (VOC) in the ambient air and, when VOC concentrations reach a certain threshold, a canister will collect a sample that will be measured for chloroprene in a laboratory. The SPods are going through an initial phase of setting the VOC thresholds that will trigger canister sample collection. EPA expects to have chloroprene data from the SPod network posted soon on EPA's LaPlace, Louisiana - Air Monitoring website.

James Leathers

Environmental Engineer
EPA Region 6
Air Toxics Enforcement
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division
1201 Elm St., Suite 500, ECDAT
Dallas, TX 75270
(214) 665-6569
leathers.james@epa.gov

"This email may contain material that is confidential, privileged and/or attorney work product and is for the sole use of the intended recipient. Any review, reliance or distribution by others or forwarding without express permission is strictly prohibited. If you are not the intended recipient, please contact the sender and delete all copies."

From: Durant, Jennah <Durant.Jennah@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 12:17 PM
To: Leathers, James <Leathers.James@epa.gov>; Verhalen, Frances <verhalen.frances@epa.gov>; Thompson, Steve <thompson.steve@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: PRESS RELEASE from Concerned Citizens of St. John Regarding Denka Emissions Data Report

Hi all—

Please see the below inquiry on Denka monitoring. What can we say about these questions?

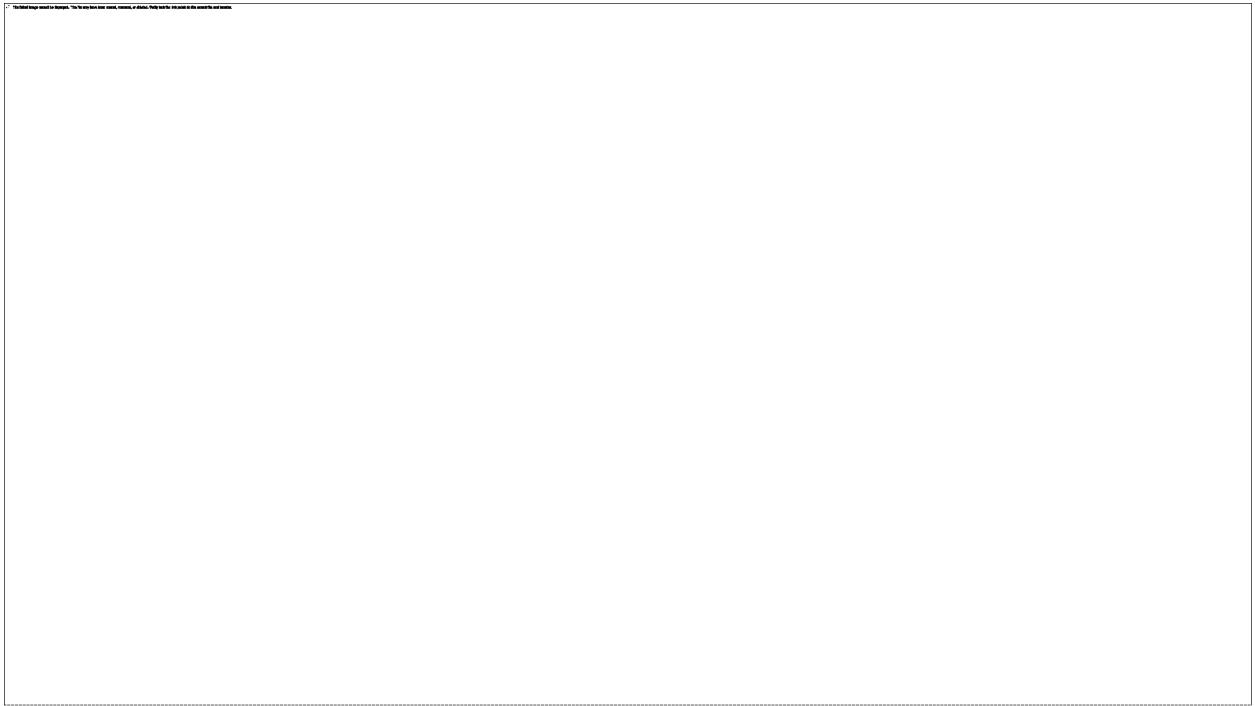
Jennah

(b)(5) Deliberative Process

From: Frances Madeson <francesmadeson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 9:19 AM
To: francesmadeson@gmail.com
Subject: PRESS RELEASE from Concerned Citizens of St. John Regarding Denka Emissions Data Report

Concerned Citizens of St. John

CONTACT: Frances Madeson
412-616-0109



FOR IMMEDIATE
RELEASE
May 5, 2020

**Comparison of 2018 and 2019 Chloroprene Emissions Levels from Denka Dupont
Elastomer Plant Shows Levels Remain Frighteningly Unsafe with No Significant
Improvement**

**St. John residents horrified that outsized rates of risk for cancer and chronic illnesses
continue unabated**

Dear Valued Member of the Press:

Please find attached a Press Release from Concerned Citizens of St. John with Slides of the Monitoring Data. I am happy to liaise for interviews or provide any other needed information.

Thank you for your continued attention to this urgent health crisis.

--

Frances Madeson
412-616-0109
<https://francesmadeson.com/>